## **PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Norio TANAKA et al.

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Docket No.: 128728

For:

OPTICALLY CONTROLLED OPTICAL-PATH-SWITCHING APPARATUS, AND

METHOD OF SWITCHING OPTICAL PATHS

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please consider the following:

Amendments to the Specification; and

Remarks.